Displaying the content of soft drinks in the bottle

†611. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry had taken any specific decision after the orders of the Rajasthan High Court to the effect that every bottle of soft drinks like Coca Cola and Pepsi should display the information that the drink contains pesticides;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The Hon'ble High Court of Rajasthan has granted two months time to the applicants to ensure compliance of this order.

It is however, learnt that the applicants namely, M/s. Coca-Cola India Inc. and M/s. Pepsi Foods Pvt. Ltd. have filed appeals in the Hon'ble Supreme Court against this order.

Safety in Soft Drinks

†612. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the consumption of cold drinks like Pepsi and other such drinks is totally safe from the health point of view.

(b) whether it is appropriate health-wise to write the full details regarding cold drinks on the cans or bottle of cold drinks for the information of consumers;

(c) if so, whether Government have issued any direction to the companies producing cold drinks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Carbonated

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water conforming to the standards of carbonated water prescribed *vide* item A.01.01 of Appendix B of PFA Rules, 1955 are safe for human consumption.

(b) to (d) As per the labelling provisions already prescribed under PFA Rules, 1955 the manufacturers of all the food products including carbonated water have to give on the label following information:—

(i) Name and trade name or description of food contained in the package.

(ii) The names of ingredients used in the products in the descending order of their composition by weight or volume as the case may be.

(iii) The name and complete address of the manufacturing units or the importer as the case may be.

(iv) The net weight or the volume of the contents.

(v) Batch number/lot number/code number.

(vi) The month and year in which the product is manufactured or prepacked.

(vii) Best before date.

(viii) Symbol of vegetarian or non-vegetarian

The class of food additives used in the products shall be given alongwith the specific name OR recognized international numerical identification (INS Number).

In case the product is claimed to be enriched with nutrients such as minerals, protein or vitamins in such cases the quantities of such nutrients shall be declared on the label.

Harmful effects of steriods in meat

†613. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that meat sellers feed to cocks, goats and pigs with steriods so that their weight can be increased and more profit is earned and as a result persons falling ill after eating meat of such animals do not respond to anti-biotic medicines;

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